

## Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, at line 26 as shown below:

In a preferred embodiment, the composition comprises water and:

- (1) diluted sulphuric acid;
- (2) nitric acid;
- (3) phosphoric acid;
- (4) molybdate and/or condensed molybdate ions;
- (5) ~~a perfluoroalkyl sulfonate an ethoxylated, nonionic fluorosurfactant~~; and
- (6) aluminum sulfate.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 26 as shown below:

Surfactants which have been found to be satisfactorily stable, adequate in reducing surface tensions of the compositions while not making them intolerably prone to foaming, and effective in keeping dried areas from forming during transfer times up to at least 3 minutes between treatment and rinsing, and which are therefore particularly preferred, are alkyl carboxyl derivatives and ~~perfluoroalkyl sulfonates with amphoteric mixes~~ water-soluble, ethoxylated nonionic fluorosurfactants.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, at line 10 as shown below:

A particularly preferred Component (D) comprises the oxidant stable surfactant Zonyl FSN-100, a ~~perfluoroalkyl sulfonate~~ water-soluble, ethoxylated nonionic fluorosurfactant (5), available from DuPont. Zonyl FSN-100 operates both as a wetting agent